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Fort Riley's two Henry Drive bridges will be closed beginning Sept. 6. Both bridges – the one over the Kansas River and the one over the railroad tracks – will be replaced. The bridges are structurally sound now, but they show signs of deterioration on the concrete decks and steel girders which warrant more than spot repairs.

Drivers entering Fort Riley should use access points at 12th Street off Kansas Highway 18 and on Trooper Drive from Washington Street in Junction City.

Construction is expected to be finished by June 2006, barring delays.

Around The Army**Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported Aug. 18 that the "Soldier's Bible" has drawn flak relating to the 1st Amendment.

The editions of Christian scripture published by Holman Bible Publishers in Nashville, Tenn., bears a gold-embossed Department of the Army emblem on the front cover.

"That's a problem," wrote National Public Radio Online's Jeff Brady, in a July article titled "'The Soldier's Bible' draws fire."

Brady wrote that the DA emblems on the Bibles – which are also published in editions for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard – make the Bibles and New Testaments appear as official government publications, and that would be a violation of the First Amendment Establishment Clause.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.the-newspaper.com/turret/ on the Web.

West Point:

The Pointer View reported Aug. 12 that retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has accepted the inaugural appointment as the U.S. Military Academy's 1951 Chair for Leadership Study. His appointment starts in September.

For more on this story and other West Point news, visit www.pointer-view.com/ on the Web.

Fort Huachuca:

The Scout reported Aug. 18 that the Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District was considering a change that would allow students to carry and self-administer emergency medications.

Only students diagnosed with deadly allergies or breathing disorders would be allowed to possess the medicines if the change is approved.

For more on this story and other Fort Huachuca news, visit www.army.mil/USAG/PAO/scout.htm on the Web.

1st Brigade trains at Fort Polk

By James Tamez
19th PAD

FORT POLK, La. – A brigade of Fort Riley Soldiers are wrapping up about a month of war preparation at the Joint Readiness Training

Center at Fort Polk.

Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and attached units were scheduled for the pre-Iraq deployment training throughout the month of August.

"JRTC represents some of the most sophisticated training the

U.S. Army has to offer," said Col. Bart Howard, brigade commander. "It is very realistic."

That realism is part of what makes training at the readiness center so important, he said.

"JRTC replicates many things that can happen in theater. What

I've told my leaders is all the bad things that could happen in an operation will happen here," Howard said.

Hundreds of role players populate the replicated villages in the training area. They replicate the different actions insurgents in Iraq

have used in the past.

Howard said 1st Bde. Soldiers have participated in training rotations to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., since the 1980s. However, that was when

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Back from war



Post/Blackmon

Above: Crews use an 80,000-pound Rough Terrain Container Handler to unload a disabled M113 Armored Personnel Carrier. Below: Sgt. Oren Mead of HHIC helps guide vehicles off the railcars.

Equipment returns to units

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, unloaded a lot of work Aug. 16 and 17. It came in the form of Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles and other unit equipment shipped home from Iraq.

Part of the more than 230 pieces of equipment unloaded belonged to the 295th Ordnance Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit based in Hastings, Neb., that also ended its tour of duty in Iraq in June. After downloading the battalion's vehicles off the rail cars, Soldiers formed vehicle convoys and drove what they could to the battalion's motor pool. The next step would be performing equipment maintenance checks and making repairs the unit's Soldiers are allowed to do.

"Now that they're home, we have to check them all out," Sgt. 1st Class Eric Kloss, the battalion's S2 noncommissioned-officer-in-charge, said about all the returned pieces of equipment. "There are a lot of maintenance problems that have

happened to them," he said.

The goal, Kloss said, is to "make sure they're safe, make sure they're ready to operate to go and start training."

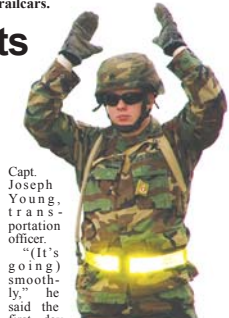
Some vehicles, such as the battalion's Bradleys, will be sent to a depot for overhaul, said Maj. John Kundel, the battalion's S3 officer.

"We're preparing our vehicles to get serviced and get back into national reset level programs so we can begin training later this fall, early this winter. It'll take the rest of this fall, essentially. We turn in our Bradleys to depot-level maintenance. That's much higher level maintenance than our operators execute here, and we expect those back around December," he said.

Overall, Kundel said the battalion was happy to have its vehicles home.

"It feels good to have the vehicles back, the equipment back under our control, and we're looking forward to starting training," he said.

It took some 75 rail cars to carry the more than 230 pieces of equipment, said



Capt. Joseph Young, 1st Infantry Division officer.

"(It's going smoothly)," he said the first day of the download. "We have plenty of personnel ... A little hiccup (occurred) with the railroad placing the cars, so we'll have to come back tomorrow and complete it," Young said.

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Kosovo mission deemed success

1,800 American troops remain 'on the ground'

By Terri Lukach
AFPS

WASHINGTON – While U.S. forces have been defending freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq, another mission to protect local populations from brutality and oppression has been winding down in the Balkans. That mission holds important lessons for operations currently under way in Iraq, U.S. forces in Kosovo say.

In 1999, 38,000 NATO forces were in Kosovo to establish and maintain a secure environment, enforce compliance with agreements that ended a campaign of ethnic cleansing by former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and provide assistance to the U.N. Mission in Kosovo.

Today, less than 18,000 multinational troops are on the ground. Of those, 1,800 are Americans.

Maintaining security is still high on the list of mission priorities for the NATO-led Kosovo Force. "We do what we call 'presence patrols,' guard certain fixed locations and conduct vehicle checkpoints, but there are few violent incidents," said Army Maj. Michael Wunn, spokesman for KFOR's Multinational Brigade East. "We also work with community leaders on a regular basis."

Wunn said the people of Kosovo are grateful for U.S. assistance. "I have never been treated as well anywhere else," he said, "particularly by the Kosovo Albanians. They are very respectful, very appreciative that we are here."

Sgt. Jason Lembright, a Kansas Army National Guardsman assigned to Task Force Tornado, agreed: "All of them – Albanian, Serb, Kosovar – they are all friendly and polite. They invite us into their homes; they offer us coffee and are really respectful. They ask about our families back home. They are genuinely good people overall," he said.

Four multinational brigades oversee the Republic of Kosovo: Multinational Brigades East, Southwest, Northeast and Center.

Military police learn phrases

Staff sergeant shares things he learned in Iraq

By Anna Perry
19th PAD

FORT POLK, La. – Soldiers of the 977th Military Police Company got a crash course in basic Arabic Aug. 5 while on rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center.

Providing Soldiers with a basic understanding of the language will

increase effective communication and increase mission capability, said Staff Sgt. Joshua Limanen, who taught the class.

Limanen, a seven-year Army veteran, has deployed to the Middle East twice. Though not fluent in Arabic, he said he felt sharing a few basic words and phrases with Soldiers in his unit would improve their mission readiness.

Military police units deployed to the

Middle East perform a variety of duties, including detainee operations, convoy security and base defense operations, said 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pfender, a 977th platoon leader.

Understanding and speaking a few key words would benefit Soldiers performing those missions in theater, Limanen said.

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19th PAD/Perry

Sgt. Nathaniel Kimberling and Spc. Sean Chinana, 977th MP Co., study an Iraqi Culture Smart Card.





Managers, specialists attend DoD workshop

Training begins for new personnel system

By Stan Cordell

Army News Service

CHICAGO — More than 500 Army personnel managers and specialists attended a workshop in Chicago Aug. 9-12 to prepare for implementation of the National Security Personnel System beginning this fall.

The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management have spent the past year engaged in a design process to establish NSPS. Congress initially granted DoD authority to establish a new Civilian Human Resources Management System to better support its national security mission in November 2003.

NSPS Spiral 1 is scheduled to be implemented next fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, with adoption throughout the Army continuing in three phases over the next three years.

The final version of NSPS is a rigorous and broad-based effort to modernize the personnel system for DoD, while preserving the core, enduring values of civil service, said Mary E. Lacy, program executive officer for NSPS. She said it offers new rules and processes for pay and classification, performance management, reduction in force, disciplinary matters and appeal procedures, and labor-management relations.

Melinda Darby, assistant G1 for civilian personnel, explained that the current system needs to change in order to manage DoD civilians more effectively. Issues with the system include slow hiring practices, inadequate accountability, limited reassignment flexibility, and set pay, regardless of performance, Darby said.

"NSPS is being established to make the civilian personnel management system more flexible and to make the DoD a more competitive employer," Darby said. "Extensive training of the Army workforce will be conducted throughout the transitional process. The biggest asset to a

NSPS provisions

- **Simplified pay banding structure, allowing flexibility in assigning work.**
 - **A performance management system that requires supervisors to set clear expectations (linked to DoD's goals and objectives) and employees to be accountable.**
 - **Streamlined and more responsive hiring processes.**
 - **More efficient, faster procedures for addressing disciplinary and performance problems, while protecting employee due process rights.**
 - **A labor relations system that recognizes the national security mission and the need to act swiftly to execute the mission, while preserving collective bargaining rights of employees.**
- For more information on NSPS, visit the Army's civilian personnel Web site at: www.copl.army.mil/library/general/nsps.

successful transition is an educated and knowledgeable HR (human resources) team. That is why we are here today," Darby told the workshop participants.

The highlight of the workshop was an impromptu speech by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. Daley attended the opening forum of the workshop because of his extreme interest in quality-of-life concerns.

"I feel a strong affinity with this workforce and the military because you believe, as I do, in commitment and a desire to perform selfless service for our country," Daley said.

Daley discussed the challenges of the Chicago school system and social programs and changes he

has made to the system during his tenure.

"I believe that a person who serves must also assume responsibility for making decisions," Daley said.

Darby presented the mayor an Army coin for his service and dedication in promoting "physical responsibility" and quality of life. Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, G1, spoke of the NSPS program development and the equally critical phase of program implementation.

"This workshop represents a major step forward in opening communication about the flexibility and changes planned under the NSPS authorities," Hagenbeck said. "The theme 'Civilian Soldiers Supporting Soldiers' demonstrates the intense level of effort the Army is placing on the implementation of this program, as well as our commitment to the Army at war."

In addition, Hagenbeck spoke of recruiting issues, maintaining an adequate fighting force and lamented concerning the loss of Soldiers in the field, and received a standing ovation for his inspiring remarks.

Lacey summarized some of the highlights of the new program.

The pay system will change, she said, adding that there will be significantly less than the current 150 pay grades currently in the system.

The General Service, or GS, grade and pay structure will be replaced with a four-tier pay system called Pay Banding. Initially an individual's income will remain the same as it is in the present system, but as the program progresses, variables will begin to occur based on performance, not time-in-grade. The new system will combine similar occupations and omit the familiar fixed-step rates.

Stan Cordell serves with Army Public Affairs-Midwest in Chicago.

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Spec. Marcus Antone of HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., helps guide an M113 off the railcar. The battalion's vehicles returned to Fort Riley Aug. 16.

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A download of such magnitude usually takes about a day, Young said. However, some of the rail cars were placed backwards in the line of cars, so the operation became a two-day operation.

"Normally, what they do is they line up the vehicles facing

toward the dock. Well, some of the cars weren't facing the dock. So, therefore, they have to be pulled and turned around," Young said. Normally, with the help available, the download would have been completed by 3 p.m. the same day it began, but with

some rail cars being backward, he expected the job to be finished by noon the following day.

We would've been done about (3 p.m.) today, but with the rail cars not being correctly spotted, we'll probably finish about noon tomorrow."

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the unit focused on a conventional threat that was highly mechanized.

Now, 1st Bde. has reconfigured, using more "Hummers" and allowing the brigade greater flexibility in meeting mission challenges. Because of the brigade's new operating procedures and the increased emphasis on asymmetric threats, Howard felt his Soldiers would benefit more from training offered at JRTC.

"Here there is force-on-force training, but with more intricate dealings with the civilians on the battlefield," said Sgt. 1st Class Dean Stockert, operations non-commissioned officer with the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

"This includes dealing with different cultures throughout the different villages. Some of the villages are loyal, some are neutral and others are anti-Coalition forces. It really gives a better feel as to what it may be like when deployed," he said.

Stockert said numerous mock villages have been erected throughout the training areas. Role players fill a variety of roles, including neutral and hostile factions. Many of these role players

will only speak in Arabic, adding to the realism of the exercise.

"Training cannot exactly replicate any and all scenarios we may find," said Cpl. Everett Black of Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, but "any training with this mindset will be valuable because of its direct application to what we may be doing when we deploy."

Exposing Soldiers to realistic scenarios before they are in harm's way and ensuring their readiness is a priority for brigade leadership.

"The kind of training we are doing here is absolutely the best welfare I can give the Soldiers," Howard said. "Tough, realistic training is potentially going to save lives down the road. It is the best I can do to prepare them for any future operations."

Howard said he ultimately hopes the Soldiers will gain confidence in themselves and in their teammates.

"You will find your weaknesses here and come out of the rotation tougher and more confident," he said. "We need to come out of here knowing we can do our mission no matter where we go in the world."



19th PAD Photo

Soldiers of 1st BCT work to clear a simulated house in one of the village areas at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. The brigade is spending most of August at JRTC in preparation for its upcoming deployment to Iraq.

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The Iraqi people definitely respond better when they see Soldiers attempting to learn their language, Limanen said.

"This training is important," Pfender said. "If they (Soldiers) deployed to the Middle East) know certain words, they'll be able to communicate a little better. The communication barrier won't be as thick as using hand signals or giving commands in a language the local nationals don't understand."

More than 30 977th Soldiers attended the informal class, taking advantage of the opportunity to learn skills useful if ever deployed to the Middle East.

They learned words to foster good will, including "Sadiq," which means friend, and "Salam," which means hello and goodbye.

They also learned phrases useful in daily operations in theater, such as "Endek slaw," which means, "Do you have any weapons?"

"These are the words I remember from being over there (Iraq)," Limanen said of his 30-word, 10-number curriculum.

"I used them a lot. That's why I remember them," he said. "If I used them a lot, that means they're kind of important. I just hope these guys picked up something that will help them in their future operations."

That expectation was echoed by some Soldiers in attendance.

"I know I probably won't be able to understand what native Arabic speakers are saying to me, but this class will allow me to convey simple messages to them," said Pfc. Monica Babcock.

Even seasoned Soldiers in the unit, like Sgt. Nathaniel Kimberling and Spc. Sean Chinana, who both deployed twice to the Middle East, said they benefited from the class.

Kimberling said the class was a welcomed refresher course. Chinana agreed.

If all goes as planned, the lesson will do more than help prepare troops for future operations. It may also help them tackle the training mission at hand, Pfender said.

Training operations at JRTC will realistically portray situations in Iraq by using simulations and role players, he said.

That means interacting with mock Iraqi nationals who speak only Arabic. If the Soldiers are familiar with the language, they will be better equipped to perform their mission whether in a training environment or in theater, Pfender said.

"When you're able to communicate with somebody, it (the mission) goes a lot easier and smoother than when you cannot," Pfender added.

Spc. Tremeshia Ellis of the 19th Public Affairs Detachment contributed information for this article.



19th PAD/Ellis

Capt. Miles Walz (left) gathers intelligence from a local mayor during a training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., this month. He and other 1st BCT Soldiers are at JRTC for training before deploying to Iraq.



19th PAD/Ellis

A 1st BCT Soldier carefully checks out an abandoned car while participating in a training exercise aimed at preparing 1st BCT Soldiers for situations they will likely face during their upcoming deployment to Iraq. The brigade is spending most of August at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

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Post news in brief

CID looking for applicants

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, better known as CID, is seeking new special agents.

CID is the Army's sole investigative agency for felony level crimes that have a military connection or serve the interest of the Army. It also provides protective services to ensure the safety and security of key leaders within the Department of Defense and Department of Army.

Newly trained special agents are involved in all types of criminal investigations but can eventually choose career specialties like polygraph examiner or forensic science officer.

CID special agents are deployed worldwide and are doing their part for the War on Terrorism in places such as the caves of Afghanistan and the streets of Iraq. Special agents also are assigned at numerous other locations stateside and overseas.

Interested Soldiers should hold the rank of sergeant or sergeant, be eligible for a Top Secret clearance; have a minimum of 30 college credit hours; a GT score of 110 or higher; no adverse UCMJ or civilian court convictions; U.S. Citizenship; be at least 21 years old and have served a minimum of two years active federal service.

All applicants must have one year of civilian law enforcement experience, six months Military Police experience or six months formal internship with the local CID office.

Staff sergeants and some sergeants first class who already are members of the Military Police Regiment and Military Intelligence fields can apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CID briefings are conducted at 5 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Building 496 at Fort Riley.

For more information, call the local CID Detachment sergeant, Special Agent Theresa A. Maag, at 239-2681.

One ID required to enter post

Force protection officials at Fort Riley have deleted the requirement for individuals to show two forms of identification at post access control points between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following day.

Only one photo identification is required.

For more information, call 239-8418.

Regs restrict number of pets

Fort Riley Regulation 40-18 (Pet Registration) states sylvatic and sylvatic hybrid animals will not be kept as pets on the installation. Those animals include wolves, wolf-hybrid animals, coyote hybrids, snakes, poisonous amphibians and poisonous reptiles.

Riley's Rules, which are updated each year by the post's commanding general, prohibit the keeping of ferrets on post. It supersedes FR Reg. 40-19, which states ferrets are allowed.

Owners who had ferrets as pets before the current Riley's Rules were published can submit an appeal in writing to the garrison commander justifying why an exemption should be made to Riley's Rules in their individual case.

For more information about animal control rules and regulations, call the Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office.

Air Force unit joins brigade for training

Post's 10th ASOS goes to field with Army

By Jennifer Whipple

19th PAD

The Army isn't the only branch of service taking advantage of training opportunities at the Joint Operations Training Center.

The Air Force's 10th Air Support Operations Squadron from Fort Riley is participating in rotation operations by supporting 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mech).

The squadron sent 10 Airmen to Fort Polk, La., to support the 1st Bde. rotation to JRTC. The squadron has 50 personnel, eight of which are deployed with other Army units in Iraq, said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Reed, 10th ASOS director of operations and executive officer.

The Air Force mission at JRTC is precise but complex. "We are here to advise the brigade commander on the use of air power and provide control on close air support missions," Reed said.

"We facilitate post air support," said Air Force Master Sgt. Rodney Righter, 10th ASOS noncommissioned-officer-in-charge. "We are the other side of the hand for artillery."

Their role, attached 1st Brigade, is not unlike their role at Fort Riley. Though under Air Force command and control, 10th ASOS is aligned with 1st Bde. at Fort Riley, Reed said.

"The Air Force orders we receive work hand-in-hand with 1st Bde," he said. "We also spend most of our careers stationed at Army posts. We are known as

"We are known as 'Battlefield Airmen' to most Army personnel."

— Lt. Col. Michael Reed
10th ASOS commander

'Battlefield Airmen' to most Army personnel. We work, train and live with the Army," he said.

The squadron has four airmen known as Joint Terminal Attack Controllers. They are authorized to control the deployment of aircraft, Righter said.

"We place our Joint Terminal Attack Controllers with an appropriate battalion or unit and assist them with air support," Reed said.

The Air Force presence at JRTC may seem small, but the job they do is substantial and essential to the employment of aircraft. This small group of airmen controls the use of aircraft that can be vital to military operations, he said.

"When air support is called in to the Air Support Operations Center, we then direct them to the requesting unit," Reed said.

"We are in the middle of a funnel for post air support," Righter said. "The request comes from battalion level and goes on up to the Air Support Operations Center," he said.

Members of 10th ASOS do more than offer air support to units. They also offer ground sup-

port, including communication from "Hummers."

"We brought along four HMMWVs, two of which are up-armored and equipped with multi-radio communication pallets used to communicate with aircraft," Reed said.

The importance of their mission is not overlooked by Army leaders.

"Their role is integral to ground-air coordination," said Capt. Travis Sloane, operations officer for 1st Bde.

While in the field at JRTC, 10th ASOS links up with several different units to put their training and tactical skills to work. "We have to be fast and effective," Righter said. "When a unit needs to fire upon an enemy element, we need to make sure the air is clear before the firing can commence."

"My guys are highly trained and skilled professionals, and we bring a lot to the fight," Reed said. "We conducted a live-fire mission with 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, Aug. 11, which went extremely well."

Members of 10th ASOS take great pride in assisting 1st Bde. at JRTC. They have supported the brigade on several other missions and are always ready to do it again.

"The training we are receiving here is going exceptionally well," said Staff Sgt. Krystoffer Bowman, section NCOIC.

The squadron arrived at JRTC with three new Airmen and will leave with three fully trained Airmen, Bowman said.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

If you could say or do something for a Soldier returning from Iraq, what would that be?



"Welcome back and thanks for your duty."

Sarah Appenheimer
AAFES employee
Home: Peoria, Ill.



"(The Soldiers) and their families sacrifice so much that 'thank you' wouldn't be enough."

Sgt. Curtis Dahlberg
1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
Home: Galt, Mo.



"Thanks."

Lynette Lee
Military Spouse and
Barton County Community
College Employee
Home: Chesapeake, Va.



"A strong support from family and friends, especially family members who live far away."

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Oldham
2nd Battalion, 70th Armor
Home: Phoenix, Ariz.



"Welcome home and thank you. Saying 'thank you' would be the biggest thing."

Spc. Joshua Pieper
189th Transportation Company
Home: Norfolk, Neb.

Next week's question:

From Soldiers at the Joint Readiness Training Center: What do you enjoy doing during your "down time?"

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Emergency priorities

Patients asked to consider real needs

By Richard Wilkins
LACH

On any given day, Irwin Army Community Hospital finds its ambulance service called for pickup of patients suffering from an eye or ear infection, cough and cold or belly pain.

While these are all conditions that need treatment, are they a legitimate use of an ambulance? That's questionable, depending on your point of view. But, for the moment, let's look at it from the hospital's perspective.

Our ambulance is called out to bring in a patient suffering from



Maj. Richard Wilkins

The ambulance and emergency medical technicians are needed at the accident site immediately, but they are busy transporting an ear infection patient.

an ear infection. Our major concern is that, while we are utilizing our manpower and vehicle for this borderline necessity, a severe accident would occur on Fort Riley.

They must first drop that patient at the hospital before they can respond to the more serious situation.

Were a member of your family one of those seriously injured at the accident site, would you not want our immediate response? We believe so.

Our manpower and vehicle resources are limited. We need to direct them to the most severe injuries and illnesses. With the support of the Fort Riley population, this can be done.

If your illness or injury is questionable, call the Nurse Advice Line, 239-DOCS or (888) 239-DOCS, first. If they cannot assist you, they will refer you for

an appointment or advise you to report to the emergency room.

If you have no other means of transportation (i.e., yourself, family member, neighbor) and know at that time that an ambulance is truly necessary, by all means call for one. No one will be refused ambulance transportation.

With your help, our goal of directing our ambulances to where they are most needed will continue to assure all our patients have the best possible care in a timely and efficient manner.

Dr. (Maj.) Richard Wilkins is chief of primary care and community medicine at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Living a 'green' lifestyle

Residents should use 'blue bags' more

By Jill Dalton
Program Coordinator

Beverage containers are America's most recycled consumer product packaging, according to the American Beverage Association. Every day, the average American consumes two single-serve beverages packaged in either an aluminum can or a plastic bottle.

Aluminum and plastic beverage containers account for 4 percent of the U.S. solid waste stream and about 20 percent of material collected curbside for recycling. On Fort Riley, however, aluminum and plastic beverage containers account for only 7.5 percent of material collected for recycling.

The key to recycling is



Jill Dalton

remembering to recycle.

"We've got plans for your bottles and cans," the catchy theme of a new advertising campaign by the American Beverage Association, encour-

ages young people to recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans. The campaign focuses on common products that are made from the recycled containers through ad spots featuring movie slogans like "jugs to rags," "cans to pans," and "bottles to goggles."

These rhyming words sound silly, but they remind us that bottles and cans are valuable resources that should be recycled, not thrown away.

What about beverages packaged in glass bottles?

Glass can be recycled again and again with no loss in quality or purity. Glass containers go from recycling bin to store shelf in as little as 30 days—again and again, according to the Glass Packaging Institute.

Glass represents 5.3 percent of the municipal solid waste stream weight. Of that, about 22 percent of glass containers were recycled. Glass containers account for less than 3 percent of material collected for recycling at Fort Riley.

Next time you drink from any bottle or can, think about where

you will toss the container when you are finished. We know you have a choice. Choose to recycle, because we do have plans for your bottles and cans.

The Fort Riley Recycle Center makes recycling easy by providing residents curbside collection service for pickup of household recyclables.

Residents are reminded to place their recyclables in the blue bags on the curb for pickup during regular refuse collection days.

The blue bags are available at no charge to Fort Riley residents through Self-Help.

For more information about recycling on Fort Riley, contact the Recycle/Solid Waste Program Coordinator at 239-2385 or e-mail jill.dalton@us.army.mil.

Tips on building strong parent-school relationship

- Check the school activities calendar and plan to attend as many as you can.

- Volunteer to read with children or do special projects, such as sharing slides about places the family has visited, playing a guitar, singing with the children, or doing any number of helpful things.

- Visit your child's classroom. Schedule a visit to your child's classroom. Comply with and support security procedures designed to protect your children.

- Select rigorous courses. For parents of high school students,

make sure your child takes the most rigorous course of study in order to meet graduation requirements for most states.

Since requirements vary from state to state, make sure your child takes at least 4-4-4-3, that is 4 years of English, 4 years of math, 4 years of science, and 3 years of language. Start by getting your child ready for high school during the middle school years. Many middle school courses count toward graduation.

- Stay involved. It is an important factor in your child's academic achievement.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Re-enactors 'camp' outside post museum

Displays show lives of World War II soldiers

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Re-enactors portraying American paratroopers and German and Russian soldiers set up camp on the U.S. Cavalry Museum lawn Aug. 20 to give interested visitors at Fort Riley a glimpse at what their life would have been like on the World War II battlefield.

Three invited U.S. re-enactors represented Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment Re-enacted. The real unit was part of the 101st Airborne Division that fought in World War II, said Michael Gosser, a re-enactor from Topeka, Kan.

"Our first sergeant was a member of that unit during the war," he added, "so we named the unit after his unit."

Gosser and two other members of the unit set up field tables to display the items they brought. Visitors could look at an M-1 rifle, bazooka, communications equipment and lots of personal gear used by U.S. Soldiers who fought in World War II.

Some of the items displayed were original; others were reproductions, Gosser said.

Nearby, seven other re-enactors set up a field tent and displayed weapons and gear used by German soldiers. The re-enactors represented three different German re-enacted units and included a woman German soldier called a "Helferin."

Johanna Gedraitis of Kansas



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Katarina Smith, 2, visiting her grandparents in Junction City, takes a close look at the German machine gun set up as part of the World War II encampment of re-enactors on post Aug. 20.

City, Mo., explained "Helferins" were women Soldiers who performed duties as drivers, signalers or administrative help. "The Germans didn't want women in the Army," Gedraitis said, "but they did let them in when there weren't enough men to do everything and they had no other choice."

Gedraitis formerly portrayed women of the Old West as a re-enactor at Old Cowtown in Wichita. She has been a "Helferin" re-

enactor for a couple of years and said she finds it enjoyable. "I'm a German history major in college and it's just fun," she said.

All the rifles displayed were original German army issue, said Brian Sarsfield, also of Kansas City, Mo. The uniforms the re-enactors wore, however, were reproductions purchased from companies that specialize in making them, he said.

The reproductions of historical military equipment and uniforms are painstakingly matched to original specifications, Sarsfield, continued. "Most companies go to the extreme to reproduce uniforms accurately, even to the point of matching the stitching."

The uniform Sarsfield wore was made of wool and was a bit warm for the Kansas summer weather, even though his camp was set up in the shade of some trees.

The German re-enactors visited with several people who stopped by in the early afternoon, explaining the equipment and gear and answering a frequently asked question. "Why are you playing the part of a German (enemy) soldier?"

"You see a lot of American and Allies re-enactors, but you don't often get a chance to see the other side," he explained. "We're all students of history, and we're just giving people a chance to see the other side."

All the re-enactors are members of the Midwest Living History Association.



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Re-enactors portraying U.S. paratroopers in World War II talk to visitors about the equipment they have displayed outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley Aug. 20. (Left to right) Tom Gosser of Topeka, Andy Cole of Kansas City, Mo., and Michael Gosser of Topeka are members of Hqs. Co., 2nd Bn., 501st Regt. Re-enacted. Visiting the display are (center to right) Katarina Smith, 2, her grandfather, Gary Smith, a retired Soldier living in Junction City, and her father, Christopher Smith, visiting Junction City from San Diego.

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Re-enactors portraying German Soldiers of World War II talk to visitors about a field encampment and weapons and equipment commonly used by German Soldiers in that war. They and U.S. World War II re-enactors set up outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley Aug. 20 to display the equipment and to talk to visitors about the lives of Soldiers in that war.

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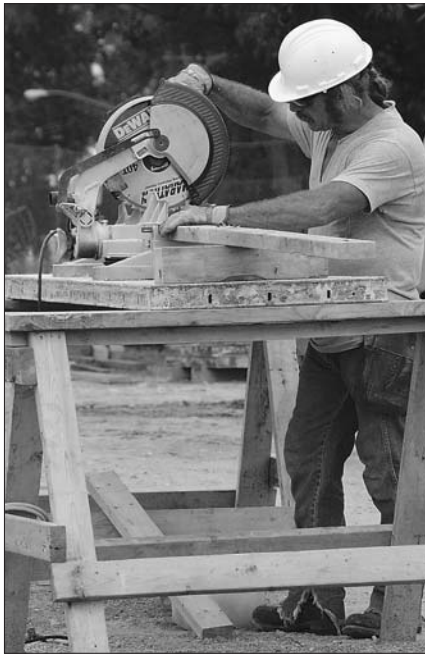
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Commo center work moves ahead

Robert Eldridge, an employee with Cox Commercial Limited L.P. based in Austin, Texas, cuts a board Aug. 22 while working on the Fort Riley Communications Center project. The project includes work on a building and a new road. The Communications Center project began in April and is expected to be complete by September 2006. About 20 people work on the project each day.

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Soldiers write poetry to ease war's stress

By David Kerr

70th Engineer Battalion

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Time to pursue activities each person holds dear or thinks he or she is suited for is hard to find in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of the working world, let alone military service overseas in wartime.

What do Soldiers in Iraq do in whatever spare time they dredge up? Does creativity die in the war zone?

Soldiers in the 70th Engineers Battalion would respond with a resounding "No!"

At Camp Taji, there are many Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities abound at Camp Taji, the military camp where 70th Eng. Bn. Soldiers temporarily live and work.

Weekly boxing matches and nightly basketball games, dancing and movies offer a break from war zone missions. But some Soldiers look outside the boxing ring for a different kind of diversion.

Every week, the MWR facilities host a Poetry Night that gives Soldiers – those brave enough to do so – a chance to stand in front of their peers and recite words

At Fort Riley:

Irvin Army Community Hospital Soldiers create alternate entertainment venue – Poetry Night at a Junction City coffee house.
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pulled from their brain and emotions.

Some are humorous; some are dark and morose; others are slightly perverse. All are unique.

All ranks of Soldiers fill the Poetry Night audiences, from colonels and sergeants major to privates, all looking to share their take on the world with others who will listen.

As the performers begin to speak, the disc jockey listens for a moment and then quickly finds music to match the tone of what is being said. Some poems may not get music, but most do, and it always fits the poem's rhythm.

Pfc. La Donna Gorman has been attending the event for several weeks and has performed with an array of styles on stage.

While some who craft thoughts into rhythmic verse stay with one style or pattern, Gorman refuses to weigh herself down with one kind of poem.

She writes from the heart about her everyday experiences, from the loss of a fellow Soldier to a relationship she has put on hold because of this deployment.

While her words may make some blush, there is definite style in her performance. If her performance were not within the guidelines set out by the mediators of the event, she would be excused.

Those guidelines are clear:

- While onstage, poets' words must have meaning and not be slanderous to the military or other persons.

- Slang and foul language are acceptable but will be used only as necessary and otherwise minimized.

For Gorman, reciting her poetry relieves some stress. She said the Poetry Night even gives her a boost when she is not performing, like when someone who has listened to her and later see her and mention that what she had to say "hit home."



Heartfelt thanks

Lt. Col. Anthony Wright (left), commander of the 70th Eng. Bn., commends Pfc. William L. Allan during a Purple Heart presentation ceremony at Camp Taji, Iraq, on Aug. 10. Allan earned the Purple Heart for wounds received in a combat action. Also awarded Purple Hearts were:

Staff Sgt. John Varney, HHC, 1st Bn., 13th Armor.

Varney was wounded in action June 14 June when his dismounted patrol was struck by a car bomb

Sgt. Axel Lopez, HHC, 70th Eng. Bn. Lopez was wounded Feb. 12 in a mortar attack

Spec. Timothy Wise, Troop H, 1st Sqdn., 11th Cav. Wise was wounded when his mounted patrol was struck by a car bomb

Spec. Jeremy Wrinkle, Co. A, 70th Eng. Bn. Wrinkle was wounded May 29 when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb.

Pfc. William Allen, Co. A, 70th Eng. Bn. Allen was wounded on May 10 when his M113 APC was struck by a roadside bomb.

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Post news in brief

CID offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the larceny and arson of a 2004 maroon Dodge Intrepid, Kansas License Number ONEAL2, Vehicle Identification Number 2B3HD46R44H622706.

The vehicle was stolen between 9:25 p.m. May 13, 2005, and 6:30 a.m. May 14, 2005, from Roosevelt Street on Fort Riley.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Special Agent Charles Baker at the Fort Riley CID office, (785) 239-6767.

Registration open for exams

This fall's registration process for November Automotive Service Excellence exams administered through DANTES Test Centers is currently under way. Test dates are Nov. 10, 15 and 17.

Eligible Soldiers must register with an education counselor by Sept. 9 in order to test in November. All candidates must pay a registration fee of \$32.

DANTES authorizes funding for a maximum of three \$25 ASE examinations for each semi-annual examination cycle. Active duty and Reserve component Soldiers are eligible to test for either credit-by-examination or for certification. DANTES does not fund the L1, L2 or any recertification exams.

All examinations begin at 8 a.m. at the Main Post Education Center, Building 217. For more information, call an education counselor at 239-6481.

Holiday alters trash pickup

The refuse collection schedule will change to accommodate the Labor Day holiday. The schedule for the holiday period is:

Sept. 5 – No pick up. Federal Holiday in observance of Labor Day.

Sept. 6 – Colver Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field, dumpster at Building 620.

Sept. 7 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montith Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542 and 5309.

Sept. 8 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, dumpster at Building 620. No change from regular schedule.

Sept. 9 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue. No change from regular schedule.

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

Network shifts 'In Step' times

Channel 13 plans to shift some show times for "In Step With Fort Riley" from its normal 7 a.m. Sunday slot to another time slot to accommodate the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon and some sports programming.

"In Step With Fort Riley" will air at 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 3 and 10, Oct. 15 and December 3 and 24 instead of 7 a.m. Sunday those weeks.

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Spe. Jeff Brelsford, from Warwick, R.I., and an infantryman with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, Rhode Island National Guard, loads a 240B machine gun at Camp Taji before going on patrol Aug. 9. Brelsford's company is attached to 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 48th Brigade, Georgia National Guard, which is supporting 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.



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Staff Sgt. Terry Long, from Loris, S.C., participates in a base defense exercise at Camp Taji on Aug. 8. Long is a senior wire chief for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.



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Spe. Jason A. Beaulieu, an infantryman with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, Rhode Island National Guard, and a Bellingham, Mass., native, puts on his helmet at Camp Taji before going on patrol Aug. 9. His company is attached to 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 48th Brigade, Georgia National Guard, which is supporting 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.



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Authors autograph books about America's stars at war

'Duty, Honor, Applause' chronicles unique military history



Co-authors Stacie L. Shain (left) and Gary L. Bloomfield (center) discuss their book with Sgt. Jon Jordan of the 82nd Med. Co. (AA) at the Fort Riley PX Aug. 21. The book, "Duty, Honor, Applause," chronicles the World War II service of Hollywood and other entertainment stars.

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A former Army photojournalist returned to Fort Riley Aug. 20 to tell a few more stories about life in the military.

Gary Bloomfield served at the Army's Warfighting Center from 1973 to 1974 and again from 1976 to 1977, working in the post's Public Affairs Office. The stories he brought with him this time appear in a new book, "Duty, Honor, Applause — America's Entertainers in World War II." He co-authored the book with Stacie L. Shain, an award-winning sports writer, corporate communications specialist and wife of an Army airborne Ranger.

The authors greeted patrons to Fort Riley's main post exchange, talked about the war stories presented in their book and signed copies for anyone wanting an autograph.

Bloomfield and Shain estimated they researched about 1,000 books as well as other material to find the little-known and better-known stories about the military service given by some of America's most popular stars.

Not all the stories tell about

entertainers bringing smiles to Soldiers on the front lines of the war, because many of those Hollywood stars stepped off the stage and onto the front lines themselves.

For example, Jackie Coogan, who played Fester in "The Addams Family," flew gliders in the China-Burma Campaign, Bloomfield recalled. "His glider went down and everyone in it was piled on top of him when they hit the ground. When the Chinese reached the plane, they bayoneted all the Soldiers on top of him, and Jackie Coogan had to lay under all those Soldiers being bayoneted," he said.

Coogan often suffered nightmares about that in later life, according to his fellow performers, Bloomfield said.

Clark Gable served with a bomber unit in England during the war. He was part of a documentary film crew that flew on the bombers. "His plane got hit every time he went up," Bloomfield said. "German Air Marshall Hermann Goering knew about Gable and let it be known that the pilot who shot him down would be a hero to the German people."

The book also reveals that former "Tonight Show" host Johnny



Gene Autry, the Singing Cowboy, served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II.

Carson had been arrested for impersonating a Sailor. He did that "so he could get into the Hollywood Canteen to dance with the starlets," Bloomfield said.

Carson later joined the Navy, getting into the war during its closing weeks. One of his duties during that time was removing

dead bodies from the battleship Pennsylvania after it had been hit and docked in Guam.

"Duty, Honor, Applause" is illustrated with numerous historical photos that compliment the stories of America's stars supporting the war effort at home and on the front lines.

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Country music recording artist Raymond Harris talks with Soldiers at the Fort Riley PX Aug. 19. Stopping by the table set up with Harris's Top 10 CD album and posters were (left to right) Staff Sgt. Scott Maurer, Sgt. Allen Knoll and Spc. Chris Vaughn. The three 452nd Ordnance Company Soldiers were recently mobilized for active duty.

Country artist stops at PX to say 'thanks' to Soldiers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

He could have been in the recording studio turning out another hit. Instead, Raymond Harris was saying thanks and shaking hands with any Soldier or family member who stopped by the table set up for him at Fort Riley's main post exchange Aug. 19 and 20.

The Michigan native and long-haul trucker took time to autograph copies of his No. 1 Billboard Internet Chart album, "Hurt By the Best," for store patrons, and he never sat down during the two hours each day that fans stopped to chat or have their photograph taken with him.

"We're spending two to four days a week on bases (in AAFES stores) because I want to meet military families and troops in person and say, 'thanks,'" Harris said. His tour of military bases in the continental United States began in February and is scheduled through 2008.

His music:

Raymond Harris' 10-song CD album "Hurt By the Best" is available at AAFES stores throughout the United States.

AAFES is the only retail outlet selling the albums. For more information about the artist and his music, visit www.raymond-harrisusa.com on the Web.

Harris spent 16 years as a trucker, traveling more than two million miles of American highway during that time and stopping whenever he could to play his guitar and sing. He parked his truck and signed a contract with Cane Records USA a few years ago to record his traditional country songs.

His second album, "Dance Thirty," caught listeners' attention and sold 25,000 copies. Two of the cuts on that album, "Boogie

Baby Rock" and "Honky Tonkin' Fit," stayed on the Independent Country Charts for most of 2003.

The future includes a new album that will have duets with Garth Brooks, Harris said. He is working on the album already, between stops at military AAFES stores. Harris said he would like to visit troops in Iraq, but he hasn't been able to work that into his schedule yet.

In the meantime, he's doing what he can to let servicemembers and their families know he appreciates what they're doing and is thankful for keeping him free to drive the highways and sing his music.

"Hey, thanks for everything you guys are doing," he told three Soldiers in desert camouflage uniforms who would be going to Iraq sooner than Harris would. They all shook hands before Harris turned his attention to a spouse carrying a baby on her hip. Her husband is at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., preparing for his upcoming deployment to Iraq.



Draining work

An employee of Smoky Hill LLC Heavy Contracting based in Salina stands in a ditch Aug. 22 while working on an addition to the post's storm sewage system. The project is expected to be complete in the next few months.

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Cabanatuan raid depicts Warrior Ethos

By Randy Pullen
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — It was one of the most daring and successful Special Operations missions of World War II, full of drama, suspense and heroism — just the sort of thing that would make an exciting movie.

The 1945 raid by the U.S. Army's 6th Ranger Battalion to rescue Americans held at the Japanese POW camp near Cabanatuan in the Philippines is the subject of "The Great Raid," a movie that opened nationally Aug. 12.

Regardless of how accurately the movie depicts the raid and those who lived through it, the real-life story is noteworthy as an example of a well-planned and expertly conducted small-unit mission.

It may be even more valuable as a reminder that the Warrior Ethos and Soldiers Creed that American Soldiers live by today are neither new nor exclusive to the men and women on the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

Great Soldiers of the past lived and fought by those values. There are few better examples of this than how the men of the 6th Ranger Battalion answered the call to duty in late January 1945.

'I will always place the mission first'

The more than 500 Americans inside the barbed wire of the Cabanatuan POW camp in early 1945 were survivors from America's darkest days, the fall of the Philippines in 1942.

Somehow these Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen, as well as American civilians and some allies, had survived the valiant but doomed battles of Bataan and Corregidor. Somehow many of them had survived the Bataan Death March that followed Bataan's surrender on April 9, 1942. Corregidor surrendered on May 6.

'I will never quit'

Somehow they had survived almost three years of starvation, mistreatment, minimal medical care and executions for various offenses proscribed by their guards. Somehow, they had missed the fate of thousands of their comrades who had died when American planes and submarines attacked and sank Japanese ships transporting them from the Philippines. The ships bore no indication of the human cargo they were carrying, so they were routinely attacked by the U.S. Navy and Army Air Force in the campaign to cut the enemy's supply lines.

As U.S. forces returned to the Philippines on Oct. 20, 1944, with the landing at Leyte, followed on Jan. 9, 1945, by the landing on Luzon, the question became whether the POWs would be liberated before time ran out for them. It wasn't only a matter of malnutrition and disease catching up to the prisoners or their being moved farther away from the advancing American forces; it was whether they would be murdered before they could be freed.

This was a very real possibility. About 150 American prisoners at a POW camp on the Philippine island of Palawan had been killed by their guards on Dec. 14, 1944. A survivor of this massacre had reached friendly forces and what had happened was known to U.S. Army intelligence by the time of the Luzon invasion. A similar fate for any captive Americans on Luzon could not be overlooked.

Rescuers: 'I will never accept defeat'

The U.S. Army was determined those who had upheld America's honor in the opening days of the war would not suffer so ignoble a fate.

To that end, the commanding general of Sixth U.S. Army, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, called on the commander of a unique unit under his command, the 6th Ranger Bn., the only Ranger battalion in the Pacific theater. During World War II, the Army had six Ranger battalions. The 1st through the 5th fought in either the Mediterranean or European theaters; the 6th fought in the Philippines.

Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci, a

1936 graduate of West Point, commanded the 6th Ranger Bn. He had taken command in April 1944 in New Guinea when it was the 98th Field Artillery Battalion and led it through its redesignation and transformation into the 6th Ranger Bn., putting its members through a demanding training program and weeding out those who couldn't or wouldn't measure up to Ranger standards.

By January 1945, his men were all volunteers and ready for a mission. The Rangers landed on three islands in Leyte Gulf Oct. 17 and performed some commando-type missions. Now they were called upon to raid the Cabanatuan POW camp.

Specifically, Mucci was to infiltrate about 30 miles behind enemy lines, reach the camp, overcome the guard force, liberate the prisoners and return them safely to friendly lines before the Japanese could react.

The ground to be covered was open and great care would have to be taken to avoid being spotted en route to the camp. In addition to the camp's guard force, there

were numerous other enemy forces in the area to overcome. Because of its proximity to major roadways, the camp often played host to Japanese units in transit. Due to American aircraft, the Japanese made troop movements at night.

A Japanese battalion regularly bivouacked about a mile from the camp and a division-sized unit was believed to be around Cabanatuan City, three to four miles from the camp. These Japanese units had tanks and tanks were also known to be included in the nocturnal movements around the camp.

To accomplish the mission, which he would personally lead, Mucci chose one company of the 6th Rangers.

Company C, commanded by Capt. Robert W. Prince, would be reinforced by the 2nd Platoon of Company F, led by 1st Lt. John F. Murphy.

The Ranger force also would include four combat photographers from the 832nd Signal Service Battalion and two teams of Sixth Army's elite recon unit, the

Alamo Scouts. Counting a few additions from elsewhere in the battalion, the Ranger force consisted of about 120 men.

The Rangers would receive invaluable support from several hundred Filipino guerrillas under the commands of Capt. Eduardo Joson and Juan Pajota. The guerrillas would provide intelligence, carry out security along the route to and from the camp and interface with the civilian population for needed support for the Rangers and the liberated prisoners. The guerrillas would also play a critical role during the assault on the camp.

'I will never leave a fallen comrade'

When Mucci briefed them on the mission, the Rangers immediately knew just how important it was and how difficult it was going to be to pull it off. Each was given the opportunity to stay back. None took it.

It was clear to all of them that they were the only hope to bring out the survivors of Bataan and

Corregidor before the Japanese killed them.

Mucci ordered them to take an oath to die fighting before letting any harm come to those they were to rescue.

The Raid

The Rangers moved out early on Jan. 28 and soon linked up with guerrillas commanded by Joson. By dark, the combined Ranger-guerrilla force was inside enemy territory.

At the village of Balincarin, the Rangers were provided the latest intelligence from the Alamo Scouts who had started their recon duties a day earlier.

Mucci delayed the raid for a day in order to gather additional intelligence and to allow a large force of Japanese transiting the area to move away from the camp. The delay also allowed the Rangers to gather detailed information on the camp and its defenders.

The plan for the night-time assault on the compound gave the two guerrilla forces the vital mis-

sion of stopping any enemy reaction forces coming from nearby Cabanatuan City and Cabu.

A Ranger bazooka section would be attached to the guerrillas to deal with expected Japanese tanks. The other Rangers would hit the camp from two sides, with Murphy's 2nd Pltn. of Co. F assaulting the rear entrance and Prince's Co. C storming through the front of the camp. To distract the guards while the Rangers positioned themselves for the assault, a P-61 night fighter would fly overhead just before the attack.

At 7:45 p.m. Jan. 30, Murphy on the rear side of the compound fired the first shot, the signal for the attack to commence.

In less than 15 minutes, all serious resistance inside the POW compound had been eliminated, though a final trio of mortar rounds wounded six men and mortally wounded the battalion surgeon, one of only two Rangers to die in the attack. A total of seven were injured.

No prisoners were killed during the fighting.

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Community news briefly

Commissary case lot sale set

A case lot sale is scheduled for Fort Riley's commissary Sept. 3-4. Patrons will be able to buy products in bulk quantities at savings of up to 50 percent.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

Post child care providers needed

Family Child Care providers are needed on Fort Riley. Providers are especially needed to care for infants. Free training is available to those interested.

Requirements include a successful background check; the ability to read, write and speak English effectively; ability to interact with children in a loving, positive and developmentally appropriate manner; and continual maintenance of a clean, safe home environment.

Family members living in government housing older than 18 who are interested in becoming providers can call 239-9892 for more information.

Post yard sale scheduled

Fort Riley's next post-wide yard sale is scheduled for Sept. 17. The yard sale will begin at 8 a.m. and continue through the day until 4 p.m. The sale is open to the public, who will have to enter the post at Trooper Drive, 12th Street off Kansas Highway 18 or Ogden access points.

Anyone driving a vehicle without a Department of Defense registration sticker will have to provide a current vehicle registration, insurance card and photo IDs of all adult vehicle occupants.

Businesses featured

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host their September luncheon, "Kansas FYI," at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Riley's Conference Center.

The luncheon will feature several Kansas businesses and home businesses. The club also will be conducting an "Extreme Makeover-OCSC Edition" in which three ladies will be selected for makeovers.

Those wanting to attend should call Holly Smith at 784-8454 or send e-mail to reservations@fortrileyocsc.com by Sept. 7.

For childcare reservations, call Debra Parker at 784-2793.

Post bike patrol states rodeos

The Fort Riley Military Police Bike Patrol will sponsor three bike rodeos at post elementary schools in coming months. Participants will have to ride through a cone obstacle course. The patrol members also will inspect bikes and make adjustments to fit bikes to riders and will check helmets. Bike registration will also be available.

Rodeos are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at Ware Elementary, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at Morris Hill Elementary and from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Ware Elementary.

All participants must bring helmets, working bikes and wear closed-toe shoes.

For more information, call 239-2226.

Back to school



Fort Riley Middle School students exit the bus Aug. 17 for the first day of school.



Spec. Kevin Butler (left) and Sgt. Eddie Krebs of 1st Bn. 190th MP Co. monitored the sidewalks as Fort Riley Middle School students arrived for the first day of school Aug. 17.

Post youth back in middle school

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Students clad with backpacks, Kleenex boxes and locker decorations crowded through the doors of Fort Riley Middle School Aug. 17.

Some 750 students returned to school after summer break. The school's doors opened at 8:30 a.m. and students attended classes for half of the day. Aug. 18 marked the first full day of classes.

Members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 190th Military Police (Provisional), patrolled the sidewalks while students trekked to school.

The Soldiers belonging to the post's Bike Patrol were there to monitor the safety of students riding bicycles and skateboards, said Spec. Kevin Butler. He said the only safety equipment students are required to wear is a safety helmet.

As students waited to enter the school, Spec. Johnnie Dorsey of the 523rd Military Police Detachment greeted them. Dorsey is beginning his second year as the School Resource Officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer.

Dorsey said the most important part of his job is to help secure the students' safety. "I enjoy my job and I enjoy what I do," he said.

"I counsel the kids pretty much as a friend," Dorsey said. He said he tries to connect with the students as a friend and not as an MP.

Dorsey said his goal for the first day was for the students to arrive safely and with a positive attitude.

Eighth-grade student Taylor Foote said he had begun to get bored throughout the summer and was excited for the first day of school.

High school students welcomed

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Some 600 students walked the halls of Junction City High School for the first time Aug. 17. All freshmen and transfer students were given the opportunity to orient themselves with the school before some 900 more returning students arrived for classes the next day.

This first day for new students included a school tour, introduction to available extracurricular activities

and orientation to the school's curriculum. The day concluded with a mini-pep rally experience.

"The point to today is to ... help you know what Junction City High School is all about," Principal Gregory Springston said to the students. "Today will be a lot easier to find your locker and your classrooms ... We'll get you through your schedule, you'll meet your teachers and understand about the activities and opportunities available to you."

The orientation was somewhat

helpful, said freshman Joseph Nible of Junction City.

"It's OK, but I'm probably going to forget most of this stuff," he said.

Sarah Stowers of Fort Riley said the orientation was almost a routine for her.

"It seems like you're learning the same thing you learn at other schools," she said, adding that it was helpful to learn some about the school before everyone returned.

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Juniors Erin Lahan (left) and Erika Alexander chat with German teacher Lynetta Sisto.

Marriage and Military Life

States begin to help Reservists with child support

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,

In a recent article you addressed the problem involving the need to reduce child support payments when a reservist is recalled and his salary is greatly decreased. Are you familiar with a bill that may soon be signed in California that addresses this issue and that, hopefully, will lead other states to fol-

low their lead?

Dear Rob,

After applauding Missouri in my column for passing a law that protects Reservists and Guard members from child support arrears as they go from high-paying civilian jobs to lower pay on the front lines of Iraq and Afghanistan, I learned that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger may soon sign a bi-partisan supported bill (SB 1082) that would protect individuals with current cus-

— Rob

tody orders in addition to fair child support protection that does not punish activated or deployed parents who can no longer exercise their parenting time.

In a press release providing historical background to this pending California legislation, Erik Espe wrote:

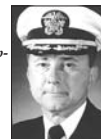
"Under family court law, child support orders aren't reduced unless the obligor files for a mod-

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About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain and author of "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military."

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintee.net





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Community news briefly

Repair class at auto center

A class in basic auto repair is scheduled at the Automotive Skills Center on Custer Hill from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 1. For more information, call 239-9764.

Family class offered at center

A Family Assistance and Point of Contact training class will be offered at the Soldier and Family Support Center on Sept. 1. For more information, call 239-9435.

Taco night set at center

Sept. 2 - 7 to 9 p.m., taco night, \$2

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Youth services activities set

Sept. 1 - 4 to 5 p.m., Parent Advisory Council

Sept. 1-9 - Noon to 5 p.m., registration for volleyball

For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 239-9173.

Fun offered at Railey Point

Aug. 31 - 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday wing night

Sept. 2 - 5 to 8 p.m., Family night, family friendly movie, music and buffet

For more information, call 784-5434.

Teens can be youth sponsors

Fort Riley's Youth Sponsorship Program matches relocating military teens with teens living on post. It allows youths to contact, communicate and connect with one another before or during their arrival. Youth sponsors can earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, participate in fun activities and help out a fellow military youth.

Teens in grades six through 12 who would like to become a Youth Sponsor or want to request a Youth Sponsor should call 239-9222, stop by the Teen Center in Building 5800 or visit the Teen Center Web page on the Fort Riley Web site for more information. Upcoming activities planned for the Youth Sponsorship Program include:

Aug. 27 - 3 to 6 p.m., Newcomers tour of Junction City, Manhattan and Fort Riley

Aug. 27 - 6 to 8 p.m., Family potluck

Library opens pages on fun

Saturday storytimes at the post library, Building 5306 on Custer Hill are devoted to dogs this month. Participants are asked to bring photos of their dogs when attending the storytimes. The library staff will use the photos to create a bulletin board honoring these pets.

Storytimes are conducted at 1:30 p.m. every Saturday. On Aug. 27, his mother asks puppy George to bark, but George says, "Meow." Something is wrong when a puppy meows, so it's off to the vet to find out what's wrong.

All children accompanied by an adult are welcome at Saturday storytimes. For more information, call 239-5305.

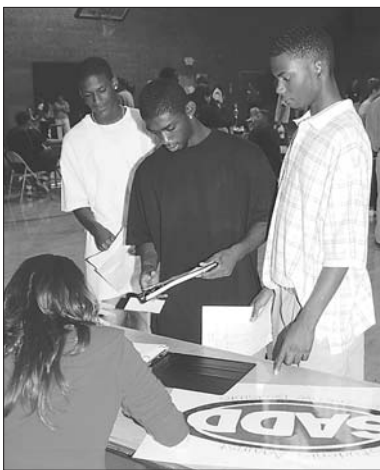
Crafts center classes posted

Aug. 28 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

Aug. 29 - 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

Aug. 30 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (outdoor swings or gliders)

For more information, call 239-9205.



(From left) Sophomore Dwayne Stennis, junior Darryl Williams and sophomore Deon Wright stop by the SADD table for information.

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Stowers moved here recently from Baumholder, Germany. She said the schools were quite different.

"It seems OK here. It's a lot bigger than Baumholder. I'm nervous about meeting new friends," she said.

Stowers said she was looking more forward to getting started with the school year, especially

with art and math classes. "I'm really good at those two subjects," she said.

Even though it was just his first day, Nible said he was already looking forward to his last day of school.

"I just want to get out of high school, go to college, get a job and retire so I don't have to work again," he said.

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Enlisted spouses host picnic to gain members

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Fort Riley's Enlisted Spouses' Club launched the upcoming year of activities with its second annual membership drive picnic Aug. 20 at McCormick Park on post.

Club President Jessica Gamez said she hoped the picnic would interest new members to join.

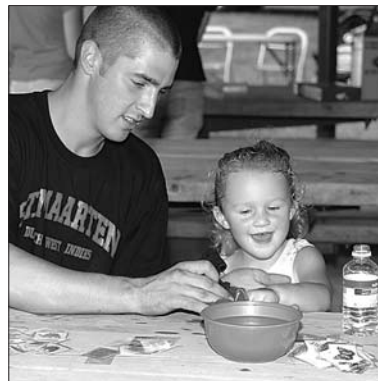
The club has lost some people over the summer, slipping to about 80 members, she said. Her goal is to get the club back up to at least 100.

ESC members meet at 6:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the Armed Services YMCA in Junction City.

Besides its social agenda for enlisted spouses, the club actively supports a number of community activities with service and financial support.

Last year, the club supported the post's scholarship fund, the American Red Cross, some national health organizations, Fort Riley's animal shelter, Junction City High School and the Fort Riley Wounded Soldiers Outreach Support group.

The membership drive picnic included an inflated monster truck bouncer, face painting, water-applied tattoos, ice cream, helium-filled balloons and information tables set up by Fort Riley's Military Police Bike Patrol and the main post exchange.



Ariana Scarpulla, 3, smiles when she sees the butterfly tattoo placed on the back of her hand by Spc. Matt Hibbert of 1st Bn., 41st Inf. Hibbert was helping out during the Enlisted Spouses' Club's annual membership drive picnic.

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For information about joining the club or about club activities, send e-mail to escpresident@hotmail.com.

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Historical society sponsors social

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

At least six new members joined the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley Aug. 18. They showed up - and signed up - at the annual ice cream social the society uses to interest new members in its activities.

A new option for membership this year was a family lifetime membership for \$25.

The ice cream social also drew a couple of out-of-state visitors, Sam Studer from California and Scott Ford from Idaho. The two men were attending a grains and extrusion seminar at Kansas State University and wanted to visit Fort Riley. Studer served with the 82nd Airborne Division while in the Army.

Extrusion is a process that forces food products through a die form to create food products such as pasta or compressed pet foods.

"The museums were closed, but we came across an item on the (post's Web page) about the ice cream social at Custer House, so we decided to come out," Studer said.

After touring part of the Custer House, the two men planned to walk across Cavalry Parade Field to look at the statues and equipment outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

One of the society's new members is no stranger to its activities or to Custer House. Wyndale McLaughlin was born at Fort



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Gail Schwanke (left) fills a cone with ice cream while Kelly Hochersmith scoops ice cream into a cup to make a float for visitors to the Custer House Aug. 20. Among the visitors for the ice cream social hosted by the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley that evening were Katie Theisen (right) and Col. and William Perkins (left rear), Fort Riley and 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) chief of staff and his wife, Gayle.

Riley in 1961, now lives in Junction City and served as a docent (tour guide) at Custer House this summer. McLaughlin said it was time to join so he could become more involved in what the society does.

The biggest project the society undertakes is already under way - Apple Day. Club members and scores of volunteers prepare hundreds of frozen apple pies for sale and serve baked pie and ice cream on Apple Day - Oct. 1 this year, in conjunction with the post open

house. The funds the society raises during Apple Day help support its activities throughout the year.

Members meet regularly to learn about the post's history. This year, members also took part in digging test holes at a site on post where a sewer line would be laid.

Want to join?

For HASFR membership information, call Keith or Gail Schwanke at 238-0808.

The test holes were dug to determine if there was any archeological reason to prevent the line being laid.

The society also hosted the Junction City Community Band for a summer concert on the lawn outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum this year.

It's member newsletter often relates historical vignettes about Fort Riley as well as reviewing historical books pertinent to the Army Warfighting Center's past.

The society's members also research post history. Some of that research is found in two small paperback volumes of stories about ghostly appearances and personal experiences with ghosts reportedly inhabiting some buildings at Fort Riley.

Some of those stories are explained during the society's annual Ghost Tour on Main Post. This year's Ghost Tour is scheduled for Oct. 30.

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fication of the order. This can take months. But Reservists and Guardsmen sent to Iraq don't have months to prepare for the move (or the lower-paying job they will have on the front lines). Unable to change their orders until they get back a year or more later, they sometimes return home to face arrest for child support they can't afford to pay. Or they discover they no longer have any access to their children, because of a family court hearing initiated by a vindictive ex-spouse, one they were unable to attend while they fought for their country."

The pending legislation addresses the modification of child support payments and child custody orders.

The bill (SB 1082), authored by Sens. Bill Morrow and Denise Ducheny, is much more comprehensive in its protection than legislation pending in states like New York in that it also protects individuals with current custody orders in addition to fair child support protection that does not punish an activated or deployed parent who can no longer exercise their parenting time.

While supporters of the bill are pleased with this pending legislation, they believe it could

have been even far more comprehensive had it not been for problems with federal law that restrict the extent of protection a state can offer.

Because of the Bradley Amendment, a child support order can only be modified retroactively to the date of a filing of a petition. In so far as many Reservists are called up on short notice and are not able to file a petition for a reduction in their monthly child support amount before they are deployed, they can return with arrears, penalties and interest that cannot be forgiven.

Anyone interested in issues involving child support and child custody may wish to contact Michael Robinson at: fastcars@surewest.net.

As a civilian lobbyist involved in family court issues and concerned for our military personnel, Robinson said that "men and women in our military are going into harm's way to cover our backs and the least we can do is cover theirs. There is no danger for us to do so. For them, it's their lives at stake. We can't let special interests get in the way, or allow politics to dictate or impede elected officials at all levels from doing the right thing."

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Sports news in brief

Sports office slates activities

Aug. 29, 31 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., cardio pump aerobics
Aug. 29, Sept. 1 – Noon to 1 p.m., fitness yoga
Aug. 30 – 9 to 10:30 a.m., Mommy and Me Time, Custer Hill pool
Aug. 30 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT power time
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Golf tourney set for weekend

The Custer Hill Golf Course championship tournament is scheduled for Aug. 27-28.
 The golf course also has a sale on golf equipment going on now through Sept. 25. Equipment includes Cobra drivers, fairway woods, golf bags and shoes.
 Operating hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 784-6000.

Outdoor Rec hours to change

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center will change its operating hours Sept. 11. New hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The center will close Sunday and Monday.
 Weekend rental rates will be for Saturday through Tuesday. For more information, call Carol Alexander at the center, 239-2363.

Women football players wanted

Military spouses interested in playing flag football against the Soldier teams this fall season may now have the opportunity to do so. Spouses are currently trying to form a team to play this season.
 The post's flag football season begins Sept. 6.
 For more information or to join call for Reid Murphy at 785-238-8210.

Flag football season to begin

The 2005 Fort Riley company-level flag football program will be conducted Sept. 6 through Nov. 7.
 Each company commander is authorized to enter one team for competition. The company commander or his representative must submit a letter of intent to participate not later than the close of business Sept. 26.
 Forms are available in the sports office at King Field House.
 For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Cross-country races scheduled

The 2005 Fort Riley battalion-level cross-country championship will be Sept. 15 at the Custer Hill Golf Course. The championship will be conducted in two men's and two women's divisions.
 A roster of battalion team members and all individual registrations must be submitted to the sports office in King Field House no later than Sept. 13.
 For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

College hosts KSU/Fort Riley Day

By April Blackmon
 Staff writer

Kansas State University will honor servicemembers Sept. 3 in its football season opener.
 The Wildcats will take on Florida International during the annual K-State/Fort Riley Day. Kickoff is at 1:10 p.m.
 The day is designed to recognize Soldiers who will soon deploy to

Iraq, those who have recently returned from Iraq and the Guard and Reserve Soldiers who have been activated to Fort Riley in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
 Dressed in BDUs, Willie the Wildcat will ride into the stadium in an Army vehicle before kickoff. A six-man color guard from the 1st Brigade Combat Team will carry the colors onto the field.

Wounded Soldiers will assist with the coin toss with a 1st Infantry Division coin. The coin recognizes the division headquarters' planned return to Fort Riley in the future. Also, the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) will fly two helicopters over the stadium during pre-game activities.
 At halftime, the K-State Marching Band will perform patriotic songs and a slide show with pic-

tures from Iraq will play on the stadium's jumbo screen. About 600 Soldiers representing the 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division; 541st Maintenance Company; 924th Military Police Battalion; 24th Infantry Division (Mech); and 3rd Brigade, 75th Division will march onto the field. Also, garrison Soldiers will unfold the post's garrison flag on the field.

Additionally, command group members have been invited to sit in K-State President Jon Wefald's suite during the game.
 Discount tickets are available for \$26 at Information, Ticketing and Registration. For more information, call 239-5614.
 Soldiers interested in attending the game who want to be recognized by K-State should see their unit first sergeant for free tickets.

Hot shots



John Varelman of Abilene shoots at a target while other members of his team wait their turn during a league competition at the Geary County Fish and Game Association's trap shoot range Aug. 21.

Local association offers shooting opportunities

By Mike Heronemus
 Editor

Trap enthusiasts converged on the Geary County Fish and Game Association's ranges Aug. 21 for league competition. Their shotguns popped loudly with each shot Aug. 21, and the clay pigeons burst into several pieces - most of the time.

The local outdoors sporting association hosts the league each year for teams of five shooters. The teams compete in monthly meets to see which one scores the most hits and to win prizes.

The league shoots run from March to October and are open to any teams willing to pay the \$40 entry fee, said Scott Arcuri, the association's president. Arcuri said he would welcome military teams.

In fact, about 10 percent of the association's members are active duty or retired military, he said. He estimated the club's membership at more than 170 people.

The association operates Sportsman's Acres south of Milford Lake on the Kansas Highway 244 Spur. It has a clubhouse with kitchen, three trap ranges and

a 3-D archery range with life-sized animal targets.

The association conducts hunter education and outdoor education classes, as well as sponsoring special events during the year. The next special event is a free sports shooting camp Sept. 17 for youngsters ages 11 to 16.

This will be the third consecutive year the association has sponsored the camp to interest youngsters in shooting sports, Arcuri said. Applications are available in the sporting goods department at Wal-Mart in Junction City.

The one-day camp runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes shotgun shooting, archery, muzzle loads and laser shooting. The association will provide everything the campers will use or need, including lunch, Arcuri said.

The association will conduct its fourth annual free youth pheasant hunt Oct. 15 for youth age 12 through the day before their 16th birthday, Arcuri said. The association buys 50 pheasants and divides them into two hunting areas. Any youth wanting to hunt must have completed a hunter's education class, he said.

Hunters can use their own guns, but

the association will provide free ammunition, he added.

Women and children are welcome at the association's facilities and its activities, Arcuri said. The association hosts two outdoors sports programs just for women - Women on Target and Becoming an Outdoor Woman.

"Bow hunters have a place at Sportsman's Acres, too," Arcuri pointed out. The association sets up 20 3-D targets on its range and hunters can use the range unsupervised as long as they do not use broadhead tips on their arrows, he cautioned.

"Broadheads will destroy a target, and these targets are expensive. So, if I see a target that's been hit with broadheads, I'll pull the targets off the range each night," he said.

Non-members can shoot on the archery range for \$4 a round (20 arrows).

Trap shooters can fire on the ranges for \$3 a round (25 shots).

"We welcome families," Arcuri said. Family members don't have to shoot; they can enjoy the camaraderie, use the kitchen facilities or just enjoy the outdoors, he said.

The association:

Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays; 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays; closed on Tuesday December to March.
Membership: \$25 for annual family dues; \$250 for lifetime membership
Location: Sportsman's Acres. Take State Highway 57 toward Milford Lake from the K-57-U.S. Highway 77 intersection. Veer left on Kansas Highway 244 and go up the hill till you see the K-244 Spur on the right side of the road. Take the spur about 150 yards to the Sportsman's Acres entrance on the left side of the road.

For more information: Write to the association at P.O. Box 631, Junction City, KS 66441 or call (785) 238-8727.

Regulations control Fort Riley's hunting, fishing

By Alan Hynek
 Fish and Wildlife Biologist

As the primary hunting seasons approach, it is a good time to review the hunting and fishing regulations that are unique to Fort Riley. If you are new to the area and interested in hunting or fishing on post, the following is a good start. For those who have been around here a while, an occasional refresher is always a good idea. First and foremost, the

Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities or impassable roads. Outdoor recreation is



Alan Hynek

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allowed for military and civilians when compatible with the military mission.

Open Areas: The areas open for recreation are updated each Monday and Thursday, but can also change on short notice. During the months of September through January and during the spring turkey seasons (usually mid April to late May), the open

areas are posted at each of the 10 hunter check stations, on the 24-hour hotline and on the Fort Riley Web site. At all other times, the open areas are posted on the Internet site and on the 24-hour hotline.

Open Shotgun Areas are available for shotgun hunting with two-shot or smaller, muzzle-loader, fishing and other outdoor recreation. Open rifle hunting

areas are open for the aforementioned activities plus centerfire rifle hunting. Open fuelwood areas are open for fuelwood cutting in areas prescribed by the Conservation Office. Individuals holding appropriate licenses and permits may recreate in any "Open Area" on Fort Riley. Use of firearms south of Vinton School Road is restricted to Department of Defense identification cardholders and their guests.

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Hunter Check Stations: Each person hunting game animals must register prior to hunting each day at one of 10 hunter check stations. Daily registration is a two-part process that is completed by filling out part one of the form and depositing into the locked box at the check station, then filling out part two upon completion of the hunt.

You must keep part two with you while hunting. You do not need to return to the same check station at which you deposited part one. Remember, each person must complete a separate daily registration form each day. All others using the installation for recreation do not need to register.

Hunter orange: Hunters must wear 200 square inches of blaze orange on their chest and back and a blaze orange cap while they are hunting on Fort Riley. Exceptions to that are when hunting from a stationary blind for prairie chicken, squirrel, morning dove, teal and crows. During the Fort Riley firearms deer season however, all hunters and persons on foot in any area open to deer hunting must wear 200 square inches of blaze orange.

Recreational vehicle marker: All vehicles being used for recreational activities on Fort Riley must display an outdoor recreational vehicle marker. These may be picked up at the Conservation Division Office, Building 1020. There is no charge for the vehicle marker. Vehicle drivers must sign a statement that they will report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal's Office. Recreational vehicle markers expire Jan. 31 of each year. Vehicles without a DoD window sticker must also possess a daily pass from one of the Guarded Check-points when recreating south of Vinton School Road.

Firearms registration: All firearms must be registered before

Important contacts

Open Area Hotline – 239-6669

Conservation Division – 239-6211

Outdoor Recreation Center – 239-2249

MP Game Warden – 239-6767

Internet Web site – www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/

being brought onto the installation. Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley must register them with their units' arms room. Others may register their firearms at the Provost Marshal Office, Building 221 and the Conservation Office.

Hunting and fishing permits and licenses: Two significant changes in license requirements and acquisition have recently been enacted to better serve outdoor enthusiasts on Fort Riley. First, a Fort Riley permit is no longer required to fish on post. This was made possible through and agreement with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in which reimbursement for lost fishing permit revenue is made through in-kind stocking of fish.

The second significant change is that Fort Riley hunting permits are now available on-line through the KDWP web page at www.wildlifelicenses.com/ks/. They are also available at any

state license vendor. A Fort Riley hunting permit is required for all individuals hunting on post. In addition, a Fort Riley deer permit is required prior to any deer hunting regardless of method of take. Acquisition of Fort Riley deer permits will be further explained in an upcoming Wildside article.

All applicable state and federal licenses and permits are required to hunt or fish on post. If you are not hunting or fishing, you do not need a permit to participate in outdoors activities on Fort Riley, but you do need a recreational vehicle marker.

Hunter educational requirements: Army regulations require that all hunters carry proof of completing a certified Hunter Education Course prior to hunting on any Army lands. Hunter Education Courses taken in other states are valid.

Shooting limitations: Firearms shall not be fired within 200 meters of any building, body of troops, or restricted area, from or across any improved road. The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 meters of any improved road. Handguns are allowed for hunting purposes on Fort Riley in areas that are open for rifle hunting and as allowed in FR 210-15 and in accordance with Kansas hunting regulations. Target shooting is not allowed on Fort Riley except at the Privately Owned Weapons Range.

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K-State to host pep rally

Kansas State University

Purple Power Play on Poyntz returns to downtown Manhattan Sept. 1 and Sept. 2 to welcome students and alumni before the first home football game against Florida International. Events begin at 5 p.m. on both days.

Purple Power Play on Poyntz has grown to be one of the best regional events in northeast Kansas with festivities extending from the Manhattan Town Center Plaza through the 500 block of Poyntz Avenue. This year's event features a variety of live music, entertainment, food, games; appearances by K-State Head Coaches Bill Snyder, Deb Patterson and Jim Wooldridge, Wildcat student-athletes, the KSU Marching Band, cheerleaders and Classy Cats; the Capitol Federal Savings inflatable carnival, and the Intrust Bank Pyrotechnic Fireworks extravaganza launched overhead on Poyntz Avenue.

Kids can have their picture taken with Willie the Wildcat from 5 to 7 p.m. in the center court at Manhattan Town Center.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, August 26, 2005

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Aug. 26 – Bad News Bears (PG-13)

Aug. 27, Sept. 1 – Charlie and The Chocolate Factory (PG)

Aug. 28 – The Devil's Reject (R)

Sept. 2, 8 – Hustle & Flow (R)

Sept. 3 – Sky High (PG-13)

Sept. 4 – Wedding Crashers (R)

Sept. 9 – Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Junction City:

What: Second annual Kansas Domino Championship Tournament. Latin American style block game played in teams of two.

When: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 3 and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 4

Where: 700 N. Jefferson St., Municipal Building
Phone: (785) 238-2885 or (800) 528-2489
Admission: \$30 per team

Salina:

What: "Beauty and the Beast" theater production.

When: Sept. 9 through Oct. 7

Where: Salina Community Theatre, 303 E. Iron Ave.
Phone: (785) 827-6126
Admission: charged

Topeka:

What: Care Bears Live "Caring and Sharing Friends." A magical, musical journey to Care-a-lot with Cheer Bear, Wish Bear, Funshine Bear, Grump Bear and the rest of their Care Bear friends.

When: 7 p.m. Sept. 27 and 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 28
Where: Kansas ExpoCentre, One ExpoCentre Drive
Phone: (785) 297-1000 for information

Admission: \$14.50, \$16.50 and \$19.50. To charge tickets, call (785) 234-4545 or buy on the Web at www.ticketmaster.com.

Chapman:

What: Annual Labor Day Celebration. Morning fun-run, car show, quilt show, craft and food vendors, parade at 2 p.m., Little World Series in evening.

When: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 5

Where: Downtown
Phone: (785) 922-6582
Admission: Free

Council Grove:

What: Burdick Labor Day Celebration. Unified church services, program by Council of Clubs, homemade ice cream, 2-mile Fun Run, arts and crafts display and parade.

When: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 4 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 5

Where: Downtown Burdick (near Council Grove)
Phone: (785) 983-4861
Admission: Free

Clyde:

What: Watermelon Festival. Main Street parade, craft booths, games, derby, watermelon, and music.

When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 3 and 4

Where: Citywide
Phone: (785) 446-3530
Admission: Free

Final JC concert in city park Aug. 27

By Gail Parsons
Special to the Post

The Junction City Arts Council presents its final Concert in the Park performance at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

The worship team from Legacy Community Church will present an hour concert of Christian Rock music.

"My intention is to do a more upbeat and rowdy sound," said

team leader Randy Nichols. "We have a great percussion group that I am really proud of. I'll let them go a little more than I would on a Sunday morning. I normally have to keep them held down a little but will be able to let them run on Saturday."

The band brings together drums, percussion, guitars, a keyboard and vocals to create a sound that appeals to the young with lyrics that don't have parents clapping their hands over their

children's ears.

"We do an upbeat contemporary style of worship with a rock," Nichols said.

The band is looking forward to closing out the arts council's series with an energetic hour of music.

Nichols said this opportunity is one way the church and the band can contribute in a positive way to the community.

"There is nothing more awesome or fun than getting together

with your creator," he said. "As a church body, we connect people to God and connect people together."

Nichols attributes those connections to the success of the band. At Legacy, the church builds on relationships. Those relationships allow people to connect to each other and God, he said.

The band is "a close group of friends," he said. "We love our church; we love our music; we

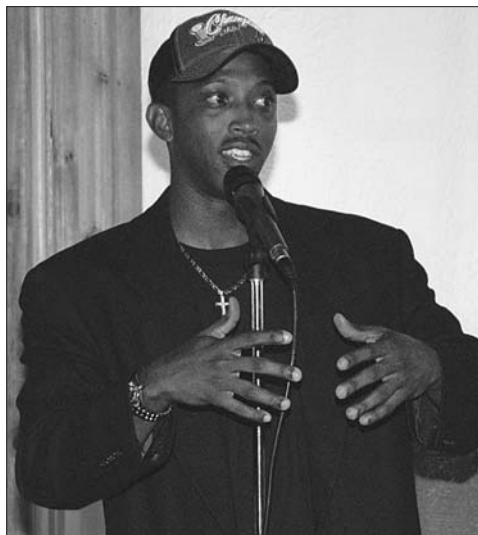
love our God."

That love is evident in the energy they have when they take the stage.

The open-air concert is free. Anyone attending may want to bring lawn chairs or blankets because seating at the park is limited.

The concert will be followed by a free showing of the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," sponsored by the Junction City Police Department.

Expressions



Medics share poetry, ideas with crowds

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Once a month, poetry enthusiasts from as far away as Topeka crowd into a local coffee house to hear free poetry readings. Many arrive more than an hour in advance to get a good seat.

A group calling itself "Brothers 2 the Night" hosts the monthly readings the first Friday of each month at Junction City's Best Coffee Shop. "Brothers 2 the Night" was created by five Medical Department Activity Soldiers at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Spc. Michael Delong, Sgt. Caleb Ekane, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald "Hendo" Henderson, Staff Sgt. Sean Gillespie and Staff Sgt. Marcus Ricks named their poetry group from a poem spoken in the movie "Love Jones," Ricks said.

The Soldiers said they wanted to establish a poetry night in Junction City because many of them wrote poetry and they wanted to create an environment where others could share their passion for poetry.

So, that's just what they did.

The five Soldiers hosted their first reading June 3 at the coffee house. The coffee house offers its space at no charge, and DJ Hicks Productions provides complimentary music and microphone services.

"I think everyone benefits from it because no one else around here is doing something like this," Delong said.

Anyone is welcome to attend and listen to others' poetry or to recite their own or favorite poems, Delong said. Audience members are asked to make reservations in advance if they choose to recite their poems, but the Soldiers accept readers the same night, if time permits.

"We prefer they call at least the day before, but a lot of times we have people who just come in the day of ... and if we have time, we'll put them on," Delong said. "We usually do a maximum of 15 people, which usually (fills) a solid hour."

The poems usually cover a wide variety of topics, Delong said. Some poets may prefer to read classics, such as Shakespeare, while many opt to recite a poem they wrote themselves.

Manhattan resident Opal Hall said she enjoys the poetry nights so much that she was counting down the days until the next month's poetry night - Sept. 2. Seating begins at 7 p.m. and the first poetry reading is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Admission to the readings is free and the public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 210-5344.

Sept. 1st Class Ronald "Hendo" Henderson recites a poem at the Aug. 5 poetry night hosted by Brothers 2 the Night. Henderson and four other Soldiers created the group to promote poetry in the Fort Riley area.



Members of "Brothers 2 the Night" address the audience following the Aug. 5 poetry night hosted by the group. The group's next poetry night is scheduled Sept. 2 at Junction City's Best Coffee Shop.

Crossfade performs on post Sept. 4

Staff report

Crossfade steps on stage at Fort Riley Sept. 4.

The band will perform in Hangar 817 at the Marshall Army Airfield. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

This hard rock/heavy metal

band is famous for its single, "Cold," which became a national rock-radio hit and ended 2004 as the most-played song on active rock radio.

The band's second single, "So Far Away," became a top-five rock radio hit. Another single, "Colors," reached the top 10 on

Billboard magazine's mainstream

rock chart.

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Fort Riley present this concert as part of the 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour. Concession refreshments will be available for purchase. People are encouraged to bring something to sit on.

General admission tickets are

available at the Fort Riley's Information, Ticketing and Registration office across the parking lot from the Main PX and at Junction City and Manhattan Dillon's stores.

Soldiers who buy their tickets at ITR pay only \$12. Tickets for the public are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Do you have a travel or entertainment story idea to share? Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

Open House offers info

Expo Tent showcases organizations

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

Fort Riley's Open House Oct. 1 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will offer visitors a wide variety of information about post activities and services.

The Expo Tent will sit in the center of activities on Cavalry Parade Field. This year's tent will again house booths and representatives from various organizations offering useful information about what Fort Riley has to offer, said Scott Scherberger of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"A lot of people don't know about the post's educational services. They offer college courses ... and credit from (several) universities. Barton (County Community College) even has a group of classes that they offer Soldiers and dependents for free," he said.

"That's the kind of information you'll get from the Expo Tent, and all organizations are encouraged to participate," he added.

Several local businesses will participate in Open House by setting up displays and offering information on the services they offer, Scherberger said.

"The Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau will be promoting their big attraction. Hunting and fishing at Milford Lake, the largest lake in Kansas, is popular," he said.

Other post organizations participating will be the Public Affairs Office, Outdoor Recreation Center, Arts and Crafts Center, Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley and the Soldier and Family Support Center, Scherberger said.

"Open House is a great opportunity for us to share our services with the general public," said Bill Powers, chief of the Soldier and Family Support Center. "We provide services to people in the Army mostly, but we also provide some service to the general public," he said.

The post's Soldier and Family Support Center is a little different than other Army Community Services centers in the country, Powers said.

"We have Soldiers here 24 hours a day working in rear detachment operations. Most posts do not have family support and rear detachment operations set up like we do."

Powers said representatives will be ready to talk about rear detachment operations at the center and about a new service called Soldier and Family Life Consultants, which is like a Military One Source on post. It is a family's information resource for legal, employment, health and parenting issues.

